

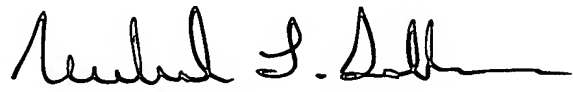
Amendments to the Specification

Please cancel the abstract located in the specification at page 44, line 3 to page 46, line 11, and replace it with the following new (substitute) abstract:

The present invention relates to a process for the production of piperidine derivatives with microorganisms. This is carried out by incubating starting compounds in the presence of a microorganism under conditions effective to produce piperidine derivative products. Suitable microorganisms can be from any one of the genus of *Stemphylium*, *Gliocladium*, *Bacillus*, *Botrytis*, *Cyathus*, *Rhizopus*, *Pycnidiosphora*, *Pseudomonas*, *Helicostylum*, *Mucor*, *Gelasinospora*, *Rhodotorula*, *Candida*, *Mycobacterium*, and *Penicillium*. In another aspect of the invention, starting compounds are incubated in the presence of *Cunninghamella bainieria* under conditions effective to produce piperidine derivative products.

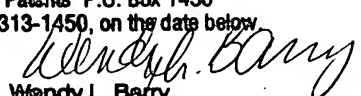
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